END OF THE WORLD

Biela's Comet is Again the Astronomer's Bugaboo—It Will Collide With the Earth November 13th.

According to the Austrian astronomer, Rudolph Falb, the earth will be smashed to smithereens next November by contract with Biela's comet, says the Chicago Inter-Ocean. This is the same comet which was to have destroyed the world in 1832. Then there was something like a public panic. It was told in the press of the day how the astronomer Olbers, as a result of a careful study in advance of the comet's movements, had found that its center would, shortly before midnight on October 29 of that year, cross the earth's orbit. The calculation was not fully understood by the public, and alarmed them enough to make them talk about the forthcoming destruction of our

But what is the earth's orbit? It is the circle in which the earth moves round the sun. If a ball is projected across a track its shock is only to be dreaded if there is any one passing along the track at the same place and moment as the ball. Now, our planet was tined to reach the place where the omet would cross its orbit a full four weeks after the comet had come and gone. Therefore there was not a shad-ow of reason for alarm. The journalists of 1832 confounded the trajectory of

ow of reason for alarm. The journalists of 1832 confounded the trajectory of the ball with the ball itself.

So much is pointed out by M. Flamanrion. He declares that even if there had been a contact, earth meeting coming face to face, nothing serious would have occurred, so fair as the earth was centerned. Astronomers know that spare is full of comets, flying in every direction around the sun, like moths around a candle, and that the earth, turning around the central star, is exposed to the chance of coming into contact with many of them. But comets are imponderable bodies, a sort of airy nothing, a mass of gas and vapor. The terrestrial globe can pass through them—most of them—like a cannon ball through a swarm of flies. That is what actually happened on June 30, 1861, according to a calculation by Hind, the highest living authority on comets. The earth passed into and through the tail of the great comet of that year at about two-thirds its distance from the nucleus. Nothing happened save a peculiar phosphorescence or illumination of the sky.—The sun, though shining, gave but feeble light. The comet was plainly visible in England at a quarter to 8 o'clock in the evening during sunshine, and had a much more hazy appearance than on any subsequent evening.

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So far back as 1846 this comet was seen to split in two, and these nebulous twin bodies continued to travel side by side through space for four months, the distance between the fragments slowly increasing. Then they passed out of sight, owing to the distance from the earth which they had obtained. When they returned to perihelion, in 1852, the two portions still retained their individuality, but the distance noticed in 1846. Then they entirely disappeared and have never been seen since. What has become of them? Astronomers believe that they have broken up into a mass of meteors. On November 27, 1872, and again in November 27, 1872, and again in November 27, 1872, and again in November 385, when the earth, in traveling along its own orbit, should have encountered Bleia's comet, a wonderful mass of shooting stars, estimated at 160,000, were seen again. This prodigious swarm arrived at a point in the heavens corresponding to that which should have been occupied, not by the head of the comet (which, if still extant, would have passed the point in the earth's orbit twelve weeks previously), but by its tail. There is no doubt that these meteors, which apparently are keeping more or less together as a compact swarm, are nothing else than the disintegrated material of what was once Bleia's comet.

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Flammarion, indeed, grants that there might be danger if our earth came into direct contact with the head of a very large comet. The consequences would differ materially, according to the nature and direction of the shock. It can readily be seen that if a comet came upon us from behind the speed of its shock would be at a minimum, whereas if it met us face to face it would be at a minimum, whereas if it met us face to face it would be at a maximum of 72,000 meters per second. We would doubtless penetrate without any sensible resistance finto the nebulous substance of the comet. But if the comet were an unusually large one, then, no matter how feeble the resistance, nor how slight the density of the head of the comet, the passage through the substance by our earth, moving at a speed one hundred and twenty times that of a cannon ball, might, through the natural transformation of movement into heat, create such a rise in temperature that transformation of movement into heat, create such a rise in temperature that our entire atmosphere would take fire like a bowl of punch.

All precedent teaches the startling fact that about every thirty-three years a grand shooting star shower rains down upon our earth. This phenomenon was true of 1865 and of 1823. Astronomers confidently expect that it will be true of 1899. At present the day of the year on which this particular shower is wont to appear is about November 14. November in every year brings us a few meteors belonging to the grand shower, but these fire only stragglers from a mighty host that visits us in its entirety three times a century. The host is known as the Leonids, from the fact that in all years and through all hours of the night they cross the sky as we look at them in lines that diverge from a point near the center of the sickle in the constellation Leo. Their radiation from Leo Is, of course, only an apparent one from our point of view, but it helps to prove

lation Leo. Their radiation from Leo is, of course, only an apparent one from our point of view, but it helps to prove that their paths in the air are parallel. Next November 13 the earth will return to the critical point in its orbit, where it crossed the meteoric current, and by that time the whole of the great shoal will generally have swept past and onward along its own orbit. Sometimes, however, it happens that even in a year the entire shoal has not passed the critical point. Then the earth, passing through the laggards, will be treated to another display of clessial fireworks. By next year, however, all will be over until the recurrence

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of the cycle, when the great host's passage of that point is coincident with passage of th the earth's.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

The Features of the Money and Stock Markets.
NEW YORK, March 8.—Money on

call steady at 214@3 per cent; last loan 21/2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 34034. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4 85%@4 85% for demand and at at \$1.52/294 55%, for demand and at \$4.83/294 53%, for stemand are; posted rates \$4.84/294 55 and \$4.85/294 57. Commercial bills \$4.82/294 83. Silver certificates nominally 59/26/69/26. Bar silver 59/26. Mexican dollars 47/26. The stock market was dull most of the day except at the closing, when there was considerable activity. The

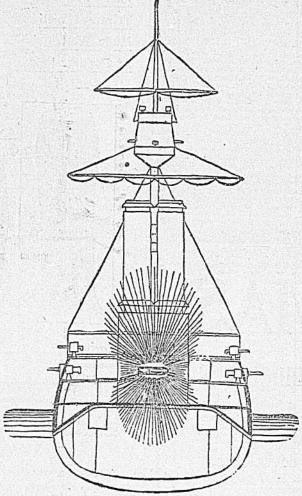
Breadstuffs and Provisions. CHICAGO-Heavy liquidation by longs to-day, owing to world's visible

increase instead of a decrease, caused a decided slump in wheat and May closed 1%c lower. Corn left off unchanged and lost 4c. Pork and ribs advanced 24c each and lard 21/26c.

The weight accumulating stocks at a season of the year when they ought to be diminishing made wheat weak from

the start.

The Daily Trade Bulletin, which makes a monthly report of the world's stocks of wheat and flour, showed in its report for the beginning of the preits report for the beginning of the present month the world's visible stocks to be 11,000,000 bushels larger than a year ago, and 5,500,000 bushels more than at the beginning of February, May opened %c lower at 71½@71%c and made a further decline of ½@4c inside the next minute. Chicago receipts were 54 cars, of which only one was graded contract. Minneapolis and Duluth got 399 cars, compared with 334 the same day a year ago. The aggregate and got 339 cars, compared with 334 the same day a year ago. The aggregate at the principal western markets was 580,000 bushels, against 485,000 bushels last year. Atlantle port clearances were equal in wheat and flour to 563,000 bushels. Liverpool and foreign mar-kets ruled weak at a sharp decline. A dispatch from Buenos Ayres denied that serious damage had been done to wheat dispatch from Buenos Ayres denied that serious damage had been done to wheat in Argentina by the heavy rains, claiming that wheat was for the most part under shelter. When it was seen that nothing in the early news was of a character to sustain or at least improve the phenose for a will. Meableton he the chances for a rally, liquidation be-came general and the price of May slip-ped off to 70%c. Some covering of shor-wheat around that point, however, caused a slight temporary recovery. The price, however, soon had another slump which took it as low as 70½c. Advices from California said that the crop in



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interest largely centered in the coalers which made some handsome advances and a number of the specialties went up over a point, while fractional adup over a point, while tractional advances were the rule in a great many other stocks. The published report of a combination of practically all the coalers was the ground for the strength in those properties. Much interest attached to the declaration of the regular dividends in Sugar. The market waited until it was announced and then moderate activity appeared. Sugar, after dividends in Sugar. The market waited until it was announced and then moderate activity appeared. Sugar, after opening higher and then losing more than the earlier gain, rose about four points for the day. The large payment which the government was to make to Southern Pacific on the claim allowed by Congress lent strength to that property. The expectation of favorable legislation lifted Consolidated Gas some five points, there being a sympathetic rise in other stocks, including Metropolitan and Brooklyn Transit, which were about half as much. The stagnant tone which prevailed the greater part of the session with fluctuations of only ½ or so was dispelled during the final dealings when the coalers were marked up and there was a sympathetic rise elsewhere. Lackawanna and Reading first preferred led the coalers with an advance of 3 each. Among the standard stocks St. Paul gained a point. Money was slightly easier to-day and closed 2½ 22 per cent. It is believed money was said to be heading this way from the interior to take advantage of the recent firmer tone it money, both for call and time. The discount market also worked closer to-day, rates for prime names ruling at 3½ 63% per cent. The closing tone of the stock market was strong.

There was a decided increase in bond operations to-day, the activity being attended by a higher level for the leading issues. Eric Generals and Chicago Terminal 4s were unusually active and made substantial gains. Total sales, 14,500,060.

United States 4a and the 5s declined 45 per cent in the bid prices.

United States 4s and the 5s declined 14 per cent in the bid prices.
The total sales of stocks to-day aggregated 642,800 shares.

BONDS AND STOCK QUOTATIONS.

the southern valleys had been com-pletelg burned up. The market firmed up a little on that, May recovering to 70%c. Just at the end of the session a message was received from San Fran-cisco, saying it looked like rain. That caused more selling and a further de-cline to 70½¢, the closing figures being 70½@70½c. Light offerings and moderate receipts.

Light offerings and moderate receipts strengthened corn. There was very little pressure on the market and fluctuations were within a narrow range. Receipts were 319 cars. May began a shade lower at 35½ 35½ 35½ crose to 35¾ 95½ and closed at 35½ buyers. Covering by shorts and a good-cash inquiry from the east held oats steady within a narrow range. Receipts 143 cars. May opened unchanged at 27½ c. Improved to 27½ c, then weakened to and closed at 27½ c, then weakened to and closed at 27½ c, the meakened to and closed at 27½ c, the meakened to apod cash meat demand strengthened provisions. Trading was chiefly in the way of changing. May pork opened a shade higher at 39 2549 27½; advanced to 39 35 and declined to 59 27½ at the close. The range in lard and ribs was small.

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Estimated receipts for Thursday:

Wheat, 70 cars; corn, 365 cars; oats,

bogs, 30,000 head.

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2. May July Corn, No. 2.	7114 70	71% 70%		70% 69%
May July Bept. Oats, No. 2	251/4 36%	36%	26	36
May July	27%	27% 25%		27% 25%
Mess Pork, May July	9 25 9 131/2	9 35 9 50	9 25 9 42½	9 2715 9 45
Lard. May July Sept	5 40 5 524 5 6315	5 45 5 5714 5 6714		
Short Albs. May July Sept	4 72% 4 87% 5 03%	4 9216	4 72% 4 87% 5 00	4 77% 4 99 5 00%

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Dull and neglected. Wheat—No. 2 spring 67669c; No. 3 pring 63667c; No. 2 red 70½671½c. Corn—No. 2 34½c; No. 2 yellow 34%6

Corn—No. 2 34½c; No. 2 yellow 34¾@ 35½c.
Onts—No. 2 27½c; No. 2 white 30@ 30½c; No. 3 white 29½@29½c.
Hye—No. 2 55c.
Barley—No. 2 42@52c.
Britys—Sed—No. 1 31 15; N. W. \$1 19.
Prime timothy seed \$2 40. Clover, contract grade, \$6 10.
Mess pork—Per barrel \$9 15@9 20.

Lard-Per 100 pounds \$5 30@5 321/2 Short ribs sides—Loose \$4 50@4 70. Dry salted shoulders — Boxed 44@

Dry Satted Snouncers

4%c.

Short clear sides—Boxed \$4 90@4 25.

Whisky — Distillers' finished goods,
per gallon, \$1 26.

Butter—Steady; creameries 14@13½c;
dairies 11½@17c.

Eggs—Steady; fresh 17½@18c.
Cheese—Steady and unchanged.

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Wheat—Receipts 92,800 bushels; exports 119,600 bushels. Spot weak; No. 2 red 52%c f. o. b. afloat to arrive; options opened easier and closed 3%01c net lower, with the tone weak. March closed at 81%c; May closed at 75%c; July closed at 73%c.

Corn — Receipts 25,800 bushels; exports 54,700 bushels; spot casy; No. 2 42%,643%c f. o. b. afloat, new and old; options opened steady and closed unchanged. March closed at 42%c; May closed at 40%c.

Oats — Receipts 55,400 bushels; exports 2,100 bushels; spot weaker; No. 2 33%c; No. 2 white 36,35%c; options quiet.

Feed firm. Hay dull. Hops steady. Hides firm. Butter firm. Cheese firm. Eggs steady; state and Pennsylvania.

Feed firm. Hay dull. Hops steady. Hides firm. Butter firm. Cheese firm. Eggs steady; state and Pennsylvania 22c; western fresh 22c. Tallow steady. Cotton seed oil steady. Rice firm. Molasses firm. Cabbage steady at \$4 00@4 10 per 100 pounds. Coffee-Options opened steady at unchanged prices, and closed steady and unchanged prices, and closed steady and unchanged to 5 points higher. Sales 16,250 bags. o bags. igar—Raw firm; refined firm.

Sugar—Raw firm; refined firm.

BALTIMORE — Flour dull and unchanged; receipts 8,900 barrels; exports 4,200 barrels. Wheat dill; spot and month 75½4675½c; receipts 8,300 bushels. Corn dull and lower; mixed spot and month 37½4675%c; receipts 262,600 bushels; exports 163,000 bushels. Oats dull and easy; No. 2 white 366,30½c; No. 2 mixed 33½6334c; receipts 16,500 bushels. Rye steady; No. 2 nearby 606,60½c; western 62½c; receipts 19,900 bushels. Butter steady and unchanged. Eggs firm at 22c. Cheese steady.

CINCINNATI—Flour quiet. Wheat

Cheese steady.

CINCINNATI—Flour quiet. Wheat weak; No. 2 red 74@74½c. Corn dull; No. 2 mixed 35½636c. Oats firm; No. 2 mixed 312. Rye easy; No. 2 60c. Lard steady at \$5 15. Bulkmeats firm at \$4 80. Bacon steady at \$5 65. Whisky steady at \$1 26. Butter dull. Sugar steady. Eggs easier and lower at 19c. Cheese firm. steady. Egg Cheese firm.

Live Stock.

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CHICAGO—Cattle—Fancy cattle \$5.70

65.90; choice steers \$5.356.65; mediums \$4.6564.95; beef steers \$3.906

4.60; stockers and feeders \$3.4064.70; bulls \$2.6064.10; cows and helfers \$3.30

64.00. Calves \$3.5067.00. Hogs—Fair to choice \$3.8063.95; heavy packing lots \$3.6063.7714; mixed \$3.624.60\$ \$234; pight \$3.562.85; pigs \$3.2063.75. Sheen and lambs—Poor to prime sheep \$2.7664.65, largely \$3.75

64.40; yearlings \$4.4064.60; lambs \$4.00

65.10, chiefly \$4.8565.00. Receipts—Cattle 13,500 head; hogs \$23,000 head; sheep 15,000 head.

EAST LIBERTY—Cattle steady; extra \$3.4065.65; prime \$5.1565.50; com-

EAST LIBERTY—Cattle steady; extra \$3 49676 55; prime \$5 1565 50; common \$3 2563 90. Hogs active and higher; prime mediums \$4 0564 10; hogs \$3 9564 00; best Yorkers \$3 9564 00; light Yorkers \$3 9063 95; pigs \$3 7562 90; light Yorkers \$4 0564 75; common \$2 2063 50; choice lambs \$5 3565 50; common to good \$4 0065 30. Veal calves \$7 0068 00.

CINCINNATI — Hogs cative and strong at \$3 35@4 60.

Dry Goods.

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NEW YORK—The cotton goods market has egain been quiet so far as actual business goes, but some good bids for brown cottons have been turned down at only slightly lower prices then asked by sellers. Brown bleached and coarse colored cottons continue firm. Prints are also very firm, with fair demand for both staples and faucies. Glighams scarce in desirable styles. Print cloths very quiet throughout, but first hands sellers still stiff on prices. Worsted dress goods firm, with fair business doing. Sliks strong and advancing. Good business doing in jobbing circles. bing circles.

Metals.

NEW YORK-While the quotations for metals in no department of the mar-ket showed material changes, the feel-ing was firmer respecting tin and lead ing was firmer respecting tin and lead, with prices for iron, copper and spelter well sustained on a very fair inquiry. According to the metal exchange pig iron warrants closed unchanged at \$9.75 nominal; lake copper unchanged at \$17.75 nominal; in firmer et \$23.55% 24.09; lead firm at \$4.30% 435, and spelter unchanged at \$6.30% 37½. Brokers call the market steady for copper at the close at \$18.00, and for lead at \$4.10.

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 Lorain
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Sunday trains between Uhricheville and Cieveland, Ciher trains daily except Sunday, Electric cars between Bridgeport and Wheeling, and Bridgeport and Martin's Ferry and Bellaire. Consult agents for general information as to best fourtes and passenger rates to all points.